

ADDRESS

OF

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TO THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

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Address of the Bishop.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

We meet in Convention at a time and place different from the designation of the last Convention, and therefore it is proper that I should mention some of the reasons which led me to regard the change as both expedient and needful.

The time fixed on seems to have been adopted without sufficient consideration, as it would have enforced the absence of quite a number of the Clergy from their Parishes on the important festival of Whitsunday. And the place was so far away that we had every reason to apprehend a great falling off in the attendance, especially among the Laity. In the Autumn, after the General Convention had given consent to the formation of a new Diocese in North Carolina, I then felt that the first Convention held, subsequent to division, ought to be as full as possible, and to ensure this, a more central point should be fixed on. When in Asheville, in November, I conferred with the Rector and several of the Vestry on the subject, and found that they all seemed to be of the opinion that a change would be desirable, and presuming that they reflected the general sentiment of the Parish, my own conviction was much strengthened, that the time and place ought to be changed. The Standing Committee concurred in this opinion, and accordingly the change was made to Oxford, and to May 14th. I much regret that there should have been any misapprehension on the subject, or that the good people of Asheville should have thought for one moment, that we questioned their readiness to welcome us. The proposal to go to

Oxford was very warmly seconded by all the citizens of that place, and every disposition has been manifested to do all that was possible for the promotion of our convenience and comfort. The change, under all the circumstances, seemed most needful, and I acted according to my best judgment in the premises. In meeting together at this time, we miss many valued friends, who have been identified with the work of the Church in North Carolina for a long period of years, and whose wisdom and zeal we had learned most highly to value. But, while we cannot but feel saddened by these losses, yet this diminution of numbers and of strength must not discourage us. What we are now all called on to do is to recognize the increased responsibilities which are laid upon us, and endeavour to meet them in an earnest and resolute spirit. With unity of feeling, and a hearty spirit of co-operation, we need not doubt that in a very short time we shall witness a very substantial and encouraging growth. In looking back to the close of our last Convention, it is an occasion for devout thankfulness to God that all of the Clergy who there met with us, are still actively engaged in their duties. Not one has been bidden to lay down his stewardship, nor has any severe sickness invaded our ranks. And while there has been, in no quarter, anything remarkable in the way of progress, yet there has been, on almost every side, a steady and encouraging growth.

On the Sunday which immediately followed our Convention, May 27th, in *St. Peter's Church, Charlotte*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall and Messrs. Weston and Allen, I preached and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Thomas B. Haughton, Deacon, on presentation by Rev. N. Harding. Rev. Dr. Watson, and Rev. Dr. Nichols, of Nova Scotia, took part in the services, and with Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Hughes united in the imposition of hands. The Holy Communion was also administered. At night, after Evening Prayer by Rev. N. Harding and Rev. V. W. Shields, I confirmed seven persons

and addressed them. This service was immediately followed by several interesting Missionary addresses. The next day, I left for *Baltimore*, having been invited to participate, on Tuesday, May 29th, in services commemorative of the establishment of the Church in Maryland, one hundred years before. On the evening of that day, I made an address in a public hall, where a very interesting reunion of the Clergy and Laity took place. The next day, Wednesday, May 30th, I participated in the public services at the opening of the Diocesan Convention of Maryland, and assisted in the celebration of the Holy Communion. The Bishop, who presided, seemed in unusual health and vigour. He was an old and valued friend and I was very much startled, only a few weeks later, by the tidings of his sudden departure to the world of spirits. His loss has been deeply felt, and his place could not be supplied until the meeting of the Annual Convention, the last of the present month. Friday, June 1st, in the vicinity of Baltimore, I baptized an infant at a private house.

Second Sunday after Trinity, June 3d, in *Christ Church, Baltimore*, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector. At night, at a Missionary meeting in St. Peter's Church, I took part in the service, and a sermon was preached by the Bishop of Western New York.

Monday, June 4th, I left on my return to *Raleigh*. Wednesday, June 6th, attended a meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's Normal School, to arrange for the erection of a new building to take the place of those destroyed by fire. Thursday, June 7th, was present at the Commencement Exercises of *St. Mary's School*, conducted the religious services in the Chapel, and made an address to the graduating class.

Sunday, June 10th, in *St. Paul's Church, Louisburg*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

Tuesday, June 12th, in Union Chapel, near *Wake Forest*, Dr. Sutton conducted the service, and I preached.

Tuesday, June 19th, in the new Church, at *Faison's*, I read the Morning Service, preached, confirmed three persons, and administered the Holy Communion. Sunday, June 24th, in the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh*, I assisted at the Morning Service and preached.

Friday, June 29th, at a private house in Raleigh, baptized a child. Left the same day to enter on my Summer Visitation.

Sunday, July 1st, in *St. Paul's Church, Winston*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Daugherty, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. Monday, July 2d, in Methodist Chapel, *Germanton*, preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Daugherty. Tuesday, July 3d, in *Hairston's Chapel, Stokes Co.*, Mr. Daugherty conducted the Service and I preached. I was glad to find that there was every prospect of the early erection of a new Church in this neighborhood.

Thursday, July 5th, returned to Winston, and proceeded on to Greensboro. Continued my journey the next day to Tryon City, Polk County. Saturday, July 7th, I accompanied our Missionary, Rev. Milnor Jones, to several different points in the valley, and over the summit of the mountain, in order to administer confirmation to several persons who, by reason of age, sickness or distance, would not be able to attend the appointed service on the following day. I confirmed five persons in this circuit, and also met a builder with whom I closed a contract for the erection of a plain and simple Church at Tryon City. The next day, Sunday, July 8th, in Union Chapel, *Tryon City*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Jones, I preached, confirmed sixteen persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Went, directly afterwards, a short distance to a private

house, where I confirmed another candidate who was unable to be present at the service. Proceeded in the afternoon about fourteen miles to the neighborhood of *Green River*, near which point a service was appointed for the next day in a log Chapel, recently erected for our use.

Monday, July 9th, went to the Chapel at *Mill's Cross Roads*, and although the morning was showery and threatening, quite a goodly number of persons assembled, several of whom had come nearly ten miles for the service. After Morning Prayer by Mr. Jones, I preached, confirmed eleven persons and addressed them. I found a great and good work going on, in this county, through the active and zealous labours of Mr. Jones, and I regretted my inability to reach several others in remote parts of the county who were anxious for confirmation.

The same day, on my way back to Tryon City, I called on an aged woman, 103 years old, whom I had confirmed, at her house, the year before. In anticipation of my visit, she had gathered in several members of her family to meet me. They all welcomed me very warmly, I had prayers with them, and gave them the blessing of peace.

I took the train that evening for Flat Rock, arriving about 10 o'clock.

Tuesday, July 10th, in *St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Flat Rock*, Rev. Mr. Drayton conducted the service and I preached.

Wednesday, July 11th, in *St. James' Church, Hendersonville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Osborne and Drayton, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, July 15th, in *Trinity Church, Asheville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. R. H. McKim, D. D., and Rev. Mr. Waller, I preached and admitted to the Priesthood Rev. George H. Bell, Deacon, on presentation by Rev. Dr. Buxton, who with the other

Presbyters present, joined in the laying on of hands. I also administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Dr. Buxton. It afforded me great pleasure to find the new Church so far completed that it could be occupied for public services. The interior of the building is remarkably tasteful and attractive, while it is of sufficient capacity to accommodate quite a large congregation. As Asheville is growing so rapidly, it is a matter of special congratulation that we have there a Church so capacious, and so comely, and where all are cordially welcomed.

The same day, at Evening Service, I confirmed thirteen persons and addressed them.

Sunday, July 22d, in the parlour of the Hotel at *Warm Springs*, I conducted the service, preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, at a private house, baptized an infant. Monday, July 23d, left for *Sewanee, Tennessee*, to attend a meeting of Southern Bishops, called to confer together in regard to the spiritual interests of the colored people of the South. Our meeting was a very gratifying one, and there was a most satisfactory agreement among us as to the best measures to be adopted. All recognized the value and importance of that education which is not merely secular, but where the great principles of morality and religion are faithfully inculcated. The necessity was also admitted of doing what we can to further the training of intelligent colored men for the Holy Ministry. The value of the work which is carried on at *St. Augustine's Normal School*, in our Diocese, was fully recognized, and the Institution was publicly commended. Later, when in Philadelphia, in attendance upon the *General Convention*, the Southern Bishops signed an earnest appeal in behalf of this Institution, asking aid for the erection of buildings to replace those destroyed last year by fire, and to assist us to accomplish the great work for which *St. Augustine's School* is designed. I also remained at *Sewanee* several days longer in attendance upon the meeting of the Trustees

of the University of the South, and I was glad to find a steady and healthy progress in this important Institution. I left, on the last day of July, upon my return to Asheville.

Sunday, August 5th, in *Calvary Church, Henderson County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. E. A. Osborne, I preached, confirmed five persons, and administered the Holy Communion. Left the next morning for Brevard.

Tuesday, August 7th, in *St. Paul's in the Valley, Transylvania County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

At 5 P. M. in *Brevard*, I laid the Corner Stone of a Church, and delivered an address. We have long been anxious to have a Church at Brevard, but until this time, the way was not open.

I preached at night, in the Methodist Chapel, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel. We journeyed on the next day to *Cashier's Valley*, and on Thursday, August 9th, in the new Methodist Chapel there, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Mr. Deal, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Steps have since been taken which I trust will soon result in the erection of a neat Church building in this valley. Friday, August 10th, we continued our journey across the Blue Ridge to *Franklin, Macon County*. Sunday, August 12th, in St. John's Church, about eight miles west of Franklin, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Deal, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. A very large congregation was present, completely filling the Church, and much interest was manifested in the service. We are steadily gaining ground in this rather difficult field, when only a few years ago our Church was utterly unknown. Rev. Mr. Deal has been struggling on bravely, in the midst of many discouragements.

Monday, August 13th, at a private house about two miles from the Church, after a brief service, I confirmed two persons

and addressed them. At night, I preached in the Court House at Franklin, after Evening Prayer by Dr. Buel and Mr. Deal. Wednesday, August 15th, in the Methodist Chapel at *Webster, Jackson County*, after Morning Prayer by Dr. Buel, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, August 16th, in a school house at Cullowhee, Dr. Buel conducted the service and I preached.

I found a very considerable interest manifested here in behalf of the Church, and I inaugurated a movement looking to the erection of a Church Edifice in the neighborhood. Since this visit, Dr. Buel has been urging the good work forward, and a neat and tasteful building is now in course of erection. It is a very beautiful and attractive region of country, and the prospects of the Church there are full of encouragement. Sunday, August 19th, in Grace Church in the Mountains, *Waynesville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Bush, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, at *Mica Dale*, we held a service under the trees, conducted by Rev. Dr. Buel, and I preached. A very attractive little Church has been erected near to the spot where our service was held, and a school house has been so joined to it that, when more room is required, it can be thrown open as a part of the Church. I am rejoiced that we have been able to make this provision for these plain people, in that vicinity, who have learned to love the Church and her holy services. The whole Mission field in *Haywood, Jackson and Macon Counties* offers much encouragement, and we have good hope that three Churches will be completed in that district during the present year. Dr. Buel has been able to secure considerable assistance at the North, during the past season, to help him in church building, and Mr. Deal has recently been absent on the same errand, and I trust with the like success. In all our Mission fields we cannot look for much help in the first instance

from the immediate neighborhood, but when the people have learned to appreciate those privileges which the Church provides for them, I feel sure they will be ready and willing to lend a helping hand to sustain such services among them.

Thursday, August 23d, I went out ten miles from Asheville, to a neighborhood where Mr. Osborne has been holding Mission services, in connection with his duties at Calvary Church. On reaching the house, where at his request, I had appointed a service, I found a large number of persons assembled, many more than could find accommodation in the house. The congregation overflowed into the yard, and under the trees. Mr. Osborne conducted the service, after which I preached and confirmed eleven persons. Here is a most interesting field, and Mr. Osborne is very anxious to build a plain, cheap chapel where he can hold regular services. During the present season, I trust that this good object may be accomplished.

Sunday, August 26th, in *Trinity Chapel, Asheville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Berry, Bush and Buxton, I preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them. At 4 P. M. in St. Andrew's Church, near the *French Broad River*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton, I preached, confirmed seven persons and addressed them. This Church has been removed from its old site to a more convenient and acceptable spot and the congregations are now much larger, and the interest has materially increased.

Wednesday, August 29th, in the Court House at *Marion*, McDowell County, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bland, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. An eligible site has been secured there for a Church, and Mr. Bland is making vigorous efforts to secure its speedy erection.

Thursday, August 30th, in Grace Church, *Morganton*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Huske and Rev. Mr. Wootten, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy

Communion. I found here material improvements in the Church building, and increasing tokens of progress and prosperity in the Parish.

Friday, August 31st, in Ascension Church, *Hickory*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. A. Weston, who had only recently taken charge of the Parish, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. Sunday, September 2d, in St. James' Church, *Lenoir*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bryan, of Virginia, and Rev. T. K. Allen, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At the Evening Service I confirmed four persons and addressed them. Soon after my visit to Lenoir, Mr. Allen resigned his charge, and returned to the North-west. The Parish remained vacant for many months, but recently the Rev. James E. Hammond, of Ohio, has taken charge of it. Tuesday, September 4th, in the Methodist Chapel at *Patterson*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Bryan and Allen, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. An important Mission work is carried on in this valley by the Rector of St. James', Lenoir, and we hope soon to have a chapel built there for our services. Thursday, September 6th, in St. John's Church, near *Valley Crucis*, Watauga County, after Morning Prayer by Rev. George H. Bell, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. This Church has been removed from its old site to a very beautiful spot, and much more convenient to the great body of the congregation.

Sunday, Sept. 9th, I held the first service in the new Church at *Boone*. It is quite a neat building, not yet entirely completed, but very convenient, and a great comfort to the congregation. After Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bell, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. I deeply regretted the necessity which led to the removal of Mr. Bell this last Autumn to Buncombe County, in consequence of which, this

Watauga district is left without any regular services. I hope soon to be able to supply this vacancy.

Monday, Sept. 10th, in the school house at *Gap Creek*, Mr. Bell conducted the service and I preached. Went the next day to the vicinity of Wilkesboro. Thursday, Sept. 13th, I preached in the Methodist Chapel at *Elkin*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. R. W. Barber. A very large congregation was present. Friday, Sept. 14th, in Gwyn's Chapel, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Barber, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, Sept. 16th, in St. Paul's Church, *Wilkesboro*, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Barber, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. This service brought me to the end of my Summer Visitation, and the next day I went to Statesville, where I took the train for Raleigh.

Sunday, Sept. 23d, preached in Christ Church, *Raleigh*. Tuesday, Sept. 25th, attended a meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's School. Thursday, Sept. 27th, left for Baltimore on my way to the General Convention.

Saturday, Sept. 29th, went to Frederick County, Maryland, and on Sunday, Sept. 30th, preached in Harriott Chapel, near the Catoctin Iron Works. Monday, Oct. 1st, Bishop Clarkson, of Nebraska, held an ordination in Harriott Chapel, at the request of the Standing Committee of Maryland, when the Minister of the Parish, Rev. Ernest McGill, was admitted to the Priesthood. At the request of the Bishop, I preached the sermon.

Tuesday, Oct. 2d, at the same place, I took part with Bishop Clarkson in a marriage service; and the same evening we left together for Philadelphia. It deeply pains me, while making this record, to recall that mysterious dispensation of Divine Providence, by which this active and zealous Bishop was summoned to lay down his Pastoral staff on the morning of the 10th of March last. When we parted, at the close of the General

Convention, he seemed in strong and vigorous health, and none of us were prepared for the startling announcement of his death. He was a friend of nearly forty years' standing, and I entertained for him very great respect and affection. For several years we were associated together in Maryland. It was at St. James' College, near my home at Hagerstown, that he prepared for Holy Orders, and he was engaged in valuable Missionary work in a part of my Parish, until his removal to Chicago. I ever followed his career with a lively interest, and it is to me a very painful thought that we shall not meet again, until reunited, as I trust we shall be, in the Paradise of God.

Wednesday, Oct. 3d, in Christ Church, *Philadelphia*, I participated in the opening services of the General Convention. The occasion was one of special interest, the services being commemorative of the first General Convention, held in the same Church, one hundred years before. For several weeks I was constantly occupied in attendance upon the meetings of the House of Bishops and the Board of Missions. While in *Philadelphia*, I preached and delivered addresses in several of the Churches. Sunday, Oct. 14th, in St. Mark's Church, I took part in the consecration of Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker as Bishop of Indiana. Also on Oct. 20th, I was present, in Grace Church, New York, at the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Potter as Assistant Bishop of New York. The most engrossing subject before the General Convention was the consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed three years before, for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer. This was an undertaking of great importance. There was a growing feeling in the Church that, while the Prayer Book needed no changes, so far as any modifications of its doctrinal teachings was concerned, yet a material improvement might be secured, by certain appropriate additions, and by adapting the services more fully to the different seasons of the Christian year.

While the report of the Committee was, on the whole, highly acceptable, yet it underwent a careful scrutiny, in all its details,

and was finally adopted with very great unanimity. Still, as no changes can be made in the Prayer Book except by the consent of two successive Conventions, so the revision thus adopted cannot go into use until ratified by the action of the next General Convention. Meanwhile it will be printed, and in all our Dioceses an opportunity will be given carefully to examine the work, and either approve or reject it. Among the subjects in which we were more especially interested was the division of our Diocese, which, although disapproved of at first by the House of Bishops, finally received its consent. Immediately afterwards I issued the call for the Primary Convention of the New Diocese, to be held in Newbern, December 12th.

The General Convention continued in session until October 26th.

Sunday, October 28th, in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Miller and Rev. Dr. Davies, the Rector of the Parish. The next day, I went to Baltimore. Tuesday, October 30th, I was invited to meet the *Convocation of Baltimore*, which I did in All Saints' Church, and made an address in regard to our work among the colored people, and the importance and value to that work of St. Augustine's Normal School.

Wednesday, October 31st, I preached at night in St. George's Memorial Church, with special reference to the late Bishop Whittingham, to whose memory the Church was specially erected.

Thursday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, in Grace Church, Baltimore, I took part in the service and administered the Holy Communion. Saturday, Nov. 3d, went to *Hagerstown*, for a brief visit to my first Parish. Sunday, Nov. 4th, in St. John's new and beautiful Church, after Morning Prayer by the Rector, Rev.

Mr. Mitchell, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night preached again, and confirmed one person.

Tuesday, Nov. 6th, went to Washington City, and on Wednesday, the 7th, took part in the solemn services held in the Church of the Ascension, commemorative of the late Bishop Pinkney. Returned the same week to my home.

Sunday, Nov. 11th, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, *Raleigh*, I took part in the service, and made an address in reference to the late General Convention.

Tuesday, Nov. 13th, entered upon a short Visitation, going first to *Salisbury*. The Convocation of Charlotte had been summoned there for that week, but this summons was revoked, in consequence of the necessary absence of the Rector, who had been called to Charleston in consequence of the sudden death of his mother. The heartfelt sympathy of all went out toward our dear brother, in this most painful affliction, and we deeply regretted also his disappointment in not being able to carry out the plan for services, which he had arranged.

Wednesday, Nov. 14th, I consecrated *St. Mary's Church, Rowan County*, six miles from Salisbury. The request for consecration was read by Mr. Thomas Sumner, and the Sentence of Consecration by Rev. J. T. Clark. The Rev. C. I. Mason, of Massachusetts, was present and assisted in the services. I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. This new Church is a great gain to the neighborhood, and reflects much credit upon the liberality and zeal by which so satisfactory a result has been accomplished.

Thursday, Nov. 15th, in St. Luke's Church, *Salisbury*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Mason and Clark, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Murdoch. At night, preached again, and confirmed four persons. Saturday, Nov. 17th, in St. James' Church, *Iredell County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. G. B.

Wetmore, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, November 18th, in Christ Church, *Rowan County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, November 19th, in St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County, Dr. Wetmore being too unwell to be present, I read the service, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Tuesday, November 20th, in St. Philip's Church, *Mocksville*, I read the service, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, November 21st, preached in All Saints' Church, *Concord*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murdoch.

Thursday, November 22d, in Church of the Redeemer, *Lexington*, I read the Evening Service and preached.

Friday, November 23d, in the Methodist Chapel, *Thomasville*, I read the Evening Service, preached, made an address on the subject of confirmation and confirmed two persons. Lexington and Thomasville have been for some time past under the care of Rev. Dr. Wetmore, but his change of residence has rendered it extremely difficult for him to continue the charge, in connection with his other duties. At his request, I have made other arrangements, and for the last three months Rev. J. K. Parker, Deacon, of the Diocese of Central New York, has been holding regular services in both places, and also carrying on a good work at High Point. I trust he may be able to continue in a field where he has proved so useful and acceptable. Sunday, November 25th, in St. Barnabas' Church, *Greensboro*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. A. H. Stubbs, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At the Evening Service, preached again and confirmed two persons. Wednesday, November 28th, I held an ordination in Trinity Church, *Asheville*, and admitted to the

Diaconate, Mr. James H. Postell, late a Minister of the Protestant Methodist Denomination, upon presentation by Rev. Dr. Buxton. I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Rev. Dr. Buel, and Rev. Clarence Buel, of New York, were present and took part in the services.

Thursday, Nov. 29th, Thanksgiving Day, I preached again in the same Church.

First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 2d, in Methodist Chapel, *Reidsville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. T. Clark, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. The prospects of the Church at Reidsville are very encouraging. Since my visit, an eligible lot has been secured for a Church, and steps taken looking to its early erection.

Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at a private house in Rockingham, I united a couple in Holy Matrimony. Wednesday, Dec. 12th, the Primary Convention of the New Diocese was held. I presided on the occasion, preached and administered the Holy Communion. The organization was completed, and the name selected was "*East Carolina*." By resolution of the Convention, the Diocese was placed under my charge until a Bishop should be consecrated. The next day, with great unanimity, Rev. Dr. Watson was elected Bishop of the Diocese. The Convention was a most harmonious one, and the best spirit prevailed. In parting from our brethren of East Carolina, we have only the warmest wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Diocese.

Friday, Dec. 14th, in St. Cyprian's Church, *Newbern*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Brady and Rev. J. Huske, I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them. Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 16th, I preached in St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh. Wednesday, Dec. 19th, in Emmanuel Church, *Warrenton*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. G. Higgs, I preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them.

Sunday, December 23d, in Church of the Good Shepherd, *Raleigh*, I assisted in the Morning Service, and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, December 25th, in Christ Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, January 3d, 1884, at a private house, baptized an infant. Sunday, January 6th, being the Feast of the Epiphany, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, *Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. J. E. C. Smedes, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 13th, preached again in the same Church, the Rector being confined to the house by sickness.

Thursday, January 17th, left for *Baltimore*, to enter upon a visitation in the Diocese of Maryland, at the request of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The visitation occupied about a month. It afforded me much pleasure to perform these duties in the Diocese where I had received Deacon's and Priest's Orders, and where the first ten years of my Ministry were passed. I was everywhere received with the greatest cordiality and kindness, and everything was done to promote my convenience and comfort. During this visitation, I preached on twenty-one occasions, delivered fifteen addresses, baptized one infant, administered the Holy Communion on seven occasions, and confirmed two hundred and two persons. Upon the termination of my engagement in Maryland, I went on to *New York*, to see what I could accomplish in the way of securing sympathy and aid in the important work of erecting a new building for St. Augustine's Normal School. I conferred with several influential persons on the subject, and while there, issued a circular letter, explaining the object, and its pressing needs. This letter was sent to a large number of persons, in our

different cities, but thus far, I have failed to secure the help that I had hoped for. We cannot consent, without further efforts, to give up the erection of the building which is so greatly needed, and I am glad to say that the Rev. Mr. Cheshire has consented to visit some of the Northern cities and try the effect of more direct personal application. If our wealthy fellow-churchmen of the North did only realize the important bearing of the work done at St. Augustine's School, upon the welfare and improvement of the colored race, I am persuaded that we should receive all the funds that are needed for so noble and praiseworthy an object. While at the North, I preached several times in New York and in New Jersey. I returned to Raleigh the latter part of February. First Sunday in Lent, March 2d, in Christ Church, *Raleigh*, I assisted in the service, and administered the Holy Communion. Second Sunday in Lent, March 9th, I preached in Christ Church in the morning, and in the Church of the Good Shepherd in the evening.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 16th, in St. Philip's Church, *Durham*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. Huske, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 23d, in Chapel of the Cross, *Chapel Hill*, I preached and administered the Holy Communion in the morning, and preached again in the evening. The day was exceedingly rainy and disagreeable, and many were prevented from attending the services who were anxious to be present. Tuesday, March 25th, preached in Grace Church, *Weldon*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith.

Wednesday, March 26th, in St. Mark's Church, *Halifax*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, March 27th, in the Church of the Advent, *Enfield*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed

one person and administered the Holy Communion. Friday, March 28th, in St. Clement's, *Ringwood*, Dr. Smith read Morning Prayer; I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 30th, I visited *Scotland Neck*. The day before reaching there, I learned with much sorrow, of the complete destruction by fire, on the night before, of the beautiful brick Church, the just pride of the Parish. It was very clearly the work of an incendiary. I found the people deeply grieved and afflicted, but at the same time hopeful and courageous. A large and comfortable hall had been fitted up for our services, and on Sunday it was crowded to its utmost capacity. After Morning Prayer by the Rev. H. G. Hilton, I made a brief address to the congregation, preached, confirmed three persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I confirmed one person in private, and at night preached again to a very large congregation. It gratified me to learn of the general sympathy, in this hour of trouble, which was manifested by the whole community. But greatly weakened as this Parish has become in its financial position, they will need considerable material aid from abroad, to enable them to erect such a Church as their needs require. Let me bespeak for them the sympathy and encouragement of the whole Diocese. Tuesday, April 1st, in the Church of Our Saviour, *Jackson*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. G. Higgs, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached, and confirmed one other person, in the evening. Thursday, April 3d, in St. Luke's Church, *Gaston*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Higgs, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. Returned home the same evening.

Saturday, April 5th, in *Wadesboro*, at a private house, I confirmed a sick person, and administered the Holy Communion. Palm Sunday, April 6th, in Calvary Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quin, I preached, confirmed six persons,

addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. It afforded me very great satisfaction to notice the evidences of re-awakened interest here in the welfare of the Church, and I trust that the active zeal of their young Minister may avail to secure new strength and prosperity to the Parish.

In the afternoon I was driven over to *Ansonville*, and at night, in the new Church, so comely in all its appointments, after Evening Prayer by Mr. Quin, I preached, confirmed three persons, and addressed them. Mr. Quin officiates regularly here, on one Sunday in each month. Monday, April 7th, I took the train in the morning for *Monroe*, and at night in a comfortable hall, fitted up very neatly for a chapel, Mr. Quin read Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed one person. The prospects of the Church here are quite cheering, and if I can succeed in making provision for regular services, I think we may look for very substantial growth.

Early the next morning I left for *Charlotte*, and at night, in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheshire and Rev. P. P. Alston, I preached, confirmed fifteen persons and addressed them. The Church here provided for the colored people, is built in admirable taste, and although not yet fully completed, it proves a most comfortable place of worship, and is accomplishing a very good work. Rev. Mr. Alston, who has charge of the congregation, was educated at St. Augustine's School, and was ordained by me last summer. The Rector and congregation of St. Peter's Parish, have shown great interest in this effort for the colored people, and have rendered material assistance.

Wednesday, April 9th, in St. Peter's Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheshire, I made an address and administered the Holy Communion. At night Mr. Cheshire conducted the service, after which I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them. The Church was much crowded, and an unusual

interest was shown in the service. There are clear indications of encouraging growth and prosperity in this Parish.

Good Friday, April 11th, I preached in St. Matthew's Church, *Hillsboro*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. W. Murphy. At night, I preached again, confirmed four persons, and addressed them. Easter Even, April 12th, I assisted at the Morning Service, and left directly afterwards for *Pittsboro*.

Easter Day, April 13th, in St. Bartholomew's Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Wm. Walker, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Walker has only recently entered upon the charge of this Parish, and I am pleased to know that everything is going on peacefully and prosperously. He unites with *Pittsboro* in the care of St. Mark's, Deep River. Rev. Mr. Bush who also resides at *Pittsboro*, gives such help in the public services as his health will permit. On Easter night, I visited St. James' Chapel, fitted up for colored people, where I found a crowded congregation. After Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Walker and Rev. Mr. Butler, I preached, confirmed twelve persons and addressed them. There is much cause for encouragement here also, in the work which is going on among the colored people.

The next day, I returned to Raleigh, and thence proceeded on Tuesday night to Wilmington.

Thursday, April 17th, in St. James' Church, *Wilmington*, I took part in the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Watson, as Bishop of East Carolina. The occasion was one of peculiar interest, and called together an unusually large congregation. The venerable Bishop Green, of Mississippi, presided and acted as consecrator. There were also present and taking part in the services, the Bishops of Maine, South Carolina, Springfield, and the Assistant Bishop of Virginia. The sermon was preached by me. The day was lovely in the extreme, and everything

contributed to make the occasion a most auspicious one for the New Diocese.

On Saturday, April 19th, I went to *Tarboro*. First Sunday after Easter, April 20th, in Calvary Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. W. J. Smith, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the service by Rev. Dr. Cheshire. At night, I preached again, confirmed nine persons and addressed them. The remaining appointments for that week I was obliged to recall, in consequence of a summons from New York, to attend a special meeting of the House of Bishops. I left for *New York* on Monday morning, and on Tuesday morning, in Grace Church, took part in the opening service. We had considerable difficulty in securing a quorum, but when once obtained, the important business was speedily dispatched. I left on Thursday evening upon my return to North Carolina. On Sunday, April 27th, in St. Athanasius' Church, *Company Shops*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. A. H. Stubbs, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. I went the next day to *High Point*, where, in connection with Lexington and Thomasville, the Rev. Mr. Parker is holding regular services.

On Tuesday, April 29th, in the Presbyterian Church, kindly offered for our use, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Stubbs and Parker, I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity, and deep interest was shown in the service. The next day, on my return home, I stopped for two hours in Greensboro, and while there baptized an infant, at the Church.

Sunday, May 4th, in Christ Church, *Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall, I preached, confirmed twelve persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Went out in the evening to *St. Mary's School*, and after Prayers by Rev. Bennett Smedes, I confirmed twenty-two pupils of the

School and addressed them. The service was a very solemn and impressive one, and in the apparent seriousness and earnestness of the candidates, there was the best evidence of the thorough Christian instruction which they had received. This is the largest class that I have yet confirmed at St. Mary's, and I believe there has never been a time when the whole tone and spirit of the School was more satisfactory than at present. Cordially can I commend St. Mary's to all parents and guardians, not only for its high moral and religious influences, but for the very elevated standard which is so apparent in every department of the Institution.

Sunday, May 11th, in the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. E. R. Rich, I confirmed eleven persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, in St. Augustine's Church, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Henderson and Harris, I preached, confirmed fourteen persons and addressed them. The following is the summary of services since the last Convention: I have visited seventy-six Parishes and Missionary Stations; have preached on one hundred and twenty-six occasions, and delivered fifty-eight addresses; have baptized five infants; consecrated one Church; ordained two Priests and one Deacon; have married one couple, and assisted at two other marriages; have confirmed 282 persons within the Diocese, and 202 in Maryland, and have administered the Holy Communion on sixty-seven occasions.

Before bringing this address to a close, let me say a few words in regard to the claims of the large mission field in our own Diocese. I fear that most of our people do not at all realize how much of strictly mission work lies immediately around us. Now, while it would be idle for us to attempt to do all that is required, yet I think we ought to avail ourselves, as far as possible, of every really encouraging opening for the introduction of the services of the Church. We greatly need, at once, several

active, energetic Missionaries, and we need largely increased contributions, to enable us to sustain them. Few of our congregations are doing what they might do, and what I feel assured they would do, if they realized more fully their duties and responsibilities in this particular. Permit me, then, earnestly to recommend the adoption of such regular and systematic methods, as will insure a very considerable advance upon the past. We must not be content with simply seeking the supply of our own spiritual wants, but bear ever in remembrance that cogent exhortation of the Apostle, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Of one thing I feel quite sure, that where there is this increased thoughtfulness in regard to our missionary needs, there will always be found a greater consideration, on the part of the people, for their own Pastors. As respects very many of our Clergy, the support provided for them is very meagre and insufficient, and I entreat you, my brethren of the Laity, to take this matter seriously to heart, and make prompt and energetic efforts to remedy the evil. Alas! how many seem to feel that all other claims should take precedence of the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, let me address a few words to you my brethren of the Clergy, in the form of an earnest plea for the children and youth in our Parishes. I do not think that sufficient care is taken to have them properly trained and instructed. Too many are brought to confirmation without that measure of Christian knowledge which it is so important for them to possess, and then, after confirmation they seem to be left wholly to themselves, with but little further effort to build them up in the faith, and impress them with a fuller apprehension of the doctrines and duties of the Gospel. The continued instruction and watchful care of the Pastor is especially needed, just at the time when the young are exposed to the greatest temptations, and when words of affectionate counsel might rescue them from the snares of the

wicked one. Merely public instruction is not sufficient. Special pains should be taken to keep up the most cordial and friendly relations with the young, and to draw out that loving confidence which may be so wisely employed for their more effectual guidance.

Since our last Convention, the following changes have taken place in the ranks of the Clergy: Rev. T. K. Allen has resigned the charge of St. James' Church, Lenoir, and taken Letters Dimissary to the Diocese of Nebraska. The Rev. Charles J. Curtis has resigned his work as Evangelist in the Convocation of Charlotte, and taken Letters Dimissary to the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Geo. W. Dame has resigned the charge of St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro, and taken Letters Dimissary to the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. E. N. Joyner has resigned the Rectorship of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro, and taken Letters Dimissary to the Diocese of South Carolina. The Rev. F. L. Bush, in consequence of ill health, has resigned the charge of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and is residing at Pittsboro. I have received into the Diocese the Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., from the Diocese of Easton, Rev. James Baird, D. D., from New York, the Rev. E. C. Burr, Deacon, from the Diocese of Springfield, Rev. William Walker, from the Diocese of Maine, and Rev. James E. Hammond from the Diocese of Ohio. Dr. Carmichael has become Rector of St. John's Church, Wilmington, and Dr. Baird of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford. Mr. Burr is in charge of the Mission at South Mills, Camden Co. Rev. Wm. Walker has become Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro, and St. Mark's, Deep River. Rev. J. E. Hammond has charge of St. James' Church, Lenoir, and the Mission near Patterson. The Rev. Edward Wootten has become Rector of Trinity Church, Statesville. Rev. James A. Weston has taken charge of Ascension Church, Hickory. Rev. George H. Bell has removed from Watauga to Buncombe County. Rev. J. H. Postell, Deacon,

is doing Missionary work in Buncombe County. Rev. W. S. Bynum has resigned the office of Diocesan Evangelist, and has become Evangelist for the Convocation of Charlotte. Mr. Bynum has manifested a peculiar fitness for this Missionary work, and I much regret that domestic duties prevented him, during much of the past year, from carrying out the plans which he had formed. Rev. C. C. Quin, Deacon, has removed from Charlotte, and is officiating in Wadesboro and Ansonville. Rev. P. P. Alston, Deacon, is officiating in St. Cyprian's Church, Charlotte. Rev. E. H. Butler, Deacon, is officiating for the colored congregation at Pittsboro.

It is with much satisfaction that I mention the fact that we have fewer vacancies in the Diocese than for many years past. It is only in our Mission fields that we need further recruits. By the division of the Diocese twenty-four of the Clergy lately numbered with us, now belong to the Diocese of East Carolina. There are several on our list who are residing out of North Carolina, but who, for the present, retain their Canonical connection with this Diocese.

The present number of Candidates for Priests' Orders is eight, viz.: Rev. Walter J. Smith, Rev. B. W. Daugherty, Francis E. Shober, Vardry McBee, Rev. Henry M. Joseph, Rev. Wm. R. Harris, Rev. Hannibal S. Henderson, and Hardy H. Phelps.

There are seven Candidates for Deacons' Orders, viz.: Wm. F. Rice, Fred. M. Skinner, Junius M. Horner, Walter A. T. Thast, Edward P. Green, Francis Randall, and Percy R. Eubanks.

There are also twelve Postulants, viz.: Albert G. Council, Timothy E. Cutler, Hamilton Anderson, Willie J. Darden, John K. Harding, St. Clair Hester, George Henry Landin, Freeman W. Dunn, Mortimer R. Hairston, Claudius F. Smith, Lucius T. Cordell, and Edward C. Melton.

As several of these Candidates and Postulants are resident within the limits of the Diocese of East Carolina, they will doubtless soon desire a transfer there. But until formally transferred, they remain upon our list. The present number of Clergy in this Diocese is as follows: the Bishop, forty-one Priests, and twelve Deacons, making fifty-four in all. In the territory comprised within the limits of our Diocese we have one of the most genial and attractive climates in the world. We have an agricultural district which can scarcely be surpassed, and mineral wealth in the richest abundance. All this must, ere long, attract a strong tide of emigration. And our duty it is to see that in all the important centres which may be developed, a clear witness may be borne to that Holy Church which our Lord came to establish, and to that pure and unutterable faith, which in the beginning was everywhere proclaimed. We are all of us called to earnest and energetic work, in furthering the interests of the Kingdom of God. May we be enabled to recognize more and more fully the weighty responsibilities which rest upon us, and to meet them with resolute courage and an unfaltering zeal.

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